Performance of Viable NTC Mills

*298. DR. ALLADI P. RAJ KUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated losses of NTC mills; and

(b) the rehabilitation proposal envisaged to improve the performance of the viable mills through modernization?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) The accumulated loss of NTC Group of Companies upto 31.3.99 is Rs. 6337 crores (Provisional).

(b) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by **BIFR.**

Communally Sensitive Districts

*299. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified communally sensitive districts affected by left extremists and prone to caste tension;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central and State Governments to maintain peace and harmony in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) As per information available, a 'statement' indicating the present number of districts which have been identified as communally sensitive and affected by Left extremists and prone to caste tensions is attached. *(See* below).

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India and Maintenance of Law and Order as well as Prevention of Crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the following steps have been taken by the Central Government to assist in maintaining law and order and communal harmony:—

(i) Sharing of intelligence with the State Governments.